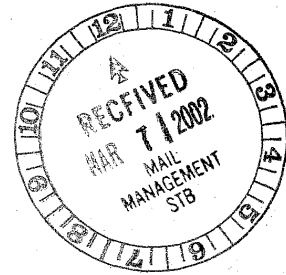




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February 20, 2002

Mr Vernon Williams, Secretary
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AB-33 (Sub No. 153X)

Dear Secretary Williams:

It is necessary that we apply for another extension of time in which to negotiate the acquisition of the referenced railroad right-of-way in Monroe County, Iowa, for conversion to a trail under the terms of federal legislation, administered by your agency.

We are requesting another 180 day period in which to attempt to complete these negotiations. We have contacted Mr. Jim Harrel with the Union Pacific Railroad at the railroad's Omaha office and Mr. Mack H. Shumate, Senior General Attorney for the railroad in the railroad's Chicago office and believe that the latter will be notifying you that the railroad is in agreement to this extension of time.

Thanking you for this consideration, I remain

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

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